



Bombay Natural History Society

(Established 1883)

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Introduction

Founded in 1883, The Bombay Natural History (BNHS) is the largest non-governmental organisation (NGO) in the Indian subcontinent. BNHS is engaged in the conservation of nature and natural resources, education and research in natural history and has members in over 30 countries. The Society's guiding principle has always been that conservation must be based on scientific research a tradition exemplified by its late President, Dr. Salim Ali.

OUR MISSION

**"CONSERVATION OF NATURE, PRIMARILY BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,
THROUGH ACTION BASED ON RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC
AWARENESS".**

Membership

Membership of the Society is open to Individuals, Students, Corporate Houses, Institutions and NGOs within India and abroad. New members are admitted through election by the Executive Committee of the Society. **The membership year begins from the month of joining and extends for a period of 12 months.**

Why Enroll as a member?

By enrolling as a member of the Society, you will be joining hands with like minded individuals, having a common objective of preserving the biodiversity of the Indian subcontinent. Together, we can form a strong pressure group to influence the decision making process of the Government, in relation to nature conservation.

You can work as a volunteer and help in collecting baseline data on nearby sanctuaries, threatened wildlife habitats and can also assist in routine monitoring of such issues and follow up with forest officials and government agencies.

You can assist in conducting / delivering talks, slide shows / camps on subjects related to environment and wildlife.

Type of membership

Individual Annual Membership (Rs.400/-) : Individuals above 25 years can become individual annual members. They are entitled to one vote.

Student membership (Rs. 200/-) : The upper age limit for student members shall be 25 years, provided she/he is attending regular courses of Govt/State/Central Institutions or Universities (Documentary evidence / Bonafide Certificate to be attached)

Family membership (Rs.650/-) (For spouse only): Special category of membership where both husband and wife can enroll as members. They will get one copy of Hornbill. However, both the individuals will have voting rights.

Life members (Rs. 7500/-) : Life members should submit an identity card size photograph (35mm x 24mm) along with the completed form.

Institution/NGOs (Rs. 1075/- inclusive of registered post charges.) : Each Institution can nominate one person to vote on its behalf. Ten members of the Institution/Organisation can be nominated in rotation at the discretion of the authorised representative of the Institution/Organisation to participate in regular programmes/nature outings. **However, they will not have any voting rights.**

PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY MEMBERS

Members are entitled to the following privileges :-

All members, except student members, have a right to vote and can elect the member(s) of his/her choice to the Executive Committee. A member can cast a single vote at the time of elections.

Hornbill : A quarterly Magazine with popular articles and photographs on natural history and conservation for all ages.

Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society : A four-monthly, scientific publication now in its 97th volume on natural history and allied subjects. It ranks as one of the most important periodicals in the East and is recognised as indispensable for the study of the Oriental fauna and flora, ecology and natural history. **The Journal which is for members only, has a separate subscription.**

Publications : Members can purchase copies of the publications of the Society, and back numbers of the Hornbill and the Journal, at concessional rates.

Products : A variety of greeting cards, T-shirts, caps, calenders, cloth bags are produced by BNHS. These products have a theme related to environment and wildlife and are available to members at a discount.

Library : The Society has a well equipped library with books and periodicals dealing with flora, fauna and natural history for the use of members and accredited researchers. For borrowing books from the library a member shall pay a refundable interest free deposit of **Rs. 500/-**.

Research Collections: The Society has a large collection of Natural History specimens of mammals, birds, reptiles, insects and other fauna, which provide basic data on biodiversity of Indian flora and fauna. These are available to members for reference, with authorisation, and on payment of prescribed fees, where applicable.

Talks, Slide Shows, etc. : Members may attend lectures, slide shows etc. on natural history and allied subjects. They may also introduce, either in person or by a signed requisition, other visitors, to such programmes.

Nature Walks/Nature Camps: Nature walks and rambles are conducted every month in and around Mumbai. Nature camps are also arranged in sanctuaries and other natural areas on payment of prescribed charges.

Conservation Education Centre (C.E.C) : Nestled in 33 acres of land adjoining the Sonjay Gandhi National Park, the C.E.C. offers a variety of standard and customised educational programmes appropriate to a wide range of audiences including NGOs, Educational institutions, Govt. officials, Journalists, Citizens groups, etc.

Types of membership, fees and subscription rates for publications. (As on January 2001).

The new rates of subscription are as under and are effective from January 2001

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Type of membership		Entrance fees		Membership fees	Annual Subscription for Hornbill Journal	
(1)		(2)		(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Individual Annual Member						
(a)	Resident within India (including SAARC Countries)	Rs. 50	+	Rs.400/-	Free	Rs.150
(c)	Resident outside India and SAARC countries)	\$2	+	\$50	-do-	\$30
2. Family Member						
	(Spouse only)	Rs. 50 (annual)	+	Rs. 650	-do-	Rs.150
3. Individual Student Member						
	(only within India)	Rs. 50	+	Rs. 200 (annual)	-do-	Rs.150
4. Individual Life Member						
(a)	Resident within India (one time)	Rs.50	+	Rs.7,500	Free	Rs.150 (p.a)
(c)	Resident outside India, in countries other than those mentioned above.	Rs.50	+	\$1000	-do-	\$30
5. Institutional Member						
(a)	Educational Institutions Libraries, Schools, Colleges, Universities, Defence Instt. and Forest Dept.	Rs. 50	+	Rs. 1075 (annual including regd. Post charges.)	-do-	Free
(b)	Outside India	\$2	+	\$300	-do-	Free
6. Green Card Member:	A Special membership package wherein the member can become a member as well as contribute to the conservation fund of the Society (Rs.1000/- and above).					

Donations to BNHS are exempt under Section 80G and Sec. 35(1) (ii) of I.T. Act, 1961.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please write or tick (✓) as applicable

1. Type of membership Overseas / Indian
2. Category: Annual / Life / Student / Family / Institutional
3. Name (In block letters)
Mr./Mrs/Os./Ms. (Surname) (Name) (Father's / Husband's name)
4. Date of birth DD— MM— YY—

(Student membership not allowed for individuals above 25 years of age. Bonafide School / College certificate should be submitted with the application).

5. Mailing address

(In block letters)

Dist. _____ STATE _____

Pin: _____

6. Telephone No.

Res: _____ Off: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

7. Authorised Signatory of the Institution.

NAME: _____ DESIGNATION: _____

Profession: _____

9. Journal required YES / NO

10. Amount sent Rs. _____ by Cash/MO/Cheque/DD No. _____

11. If proposed by a BNHS member

please mention Name/Membership No. - _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Membership No. _____

Date of joining _____ Category _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

12. Academic Qualifications : _____

13. I am interested in : Please tick (✓) in the bracket

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|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| a. Aquatic Animals | () | b. Plants/Forests | () |
| c. Insects | () | d. Fishes | () |
| e. Amphibians | () | f. Reptiles | () |
| g. Birds | () | h. Mammals | () |
| i. Conservation | () | j. Nature Education | () |
| k. Nature Photography | () | l. All of the above | () |

14. **Willing to offer my voluntary services for the BNNS:** Yes / No

If Yes, please specify. Please tick (✓) whichever is applicable :

- a. **For Membership Drive** in increasing the membership of the Society by inducing new members through personal contacts.
- b. **For Data entry** in the Membership Dept. / Library/ Collections.
- c. **Promotion of BNHS products.**
- d. **Leading nature treks/Nature camps** for the Society.
- e. **Conducting / Delivering talks**, slide shows etc. on topics related to environment care, wildlife.
- f. **For collecting baseline data** on nearby sanctuaries, threatened wildlife habitats. Routine monitoring of such issues and follow up with forest officials/ govt. agencies.
- g. **Any other help**, please specify _____

15. Do you want your address to be made available to other Members / Institutions: **Yes / No**

16. I agree to abide by the Rules / Regulations and Bye laws of the Society

Place: _____

(Member's Signature)

Date: _____

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I wish to donate Rs. _____ towards BNNS activities.

Postal Charges:

- a. Appropriate amount may be paid in cash or through a crossed cheque / bank draft payable at Mumbai drawn in favour of '**Bombay Natural History Society**'. Outstation cheque should include additional Rs 25/- towards bank charges.
- b. In case of subsequent change of residence of members residing within India to any foreign country (other than SAARC), postage for Journal and Hombill will be charged extra at prevailing rates.
- c. Members are requested not to send currency notes by post.

OVERSEAS MEMBERS

- a. Foreign remittances can be made through Deutsche Bank(s) at Newyork/London/Paris/Frankfurt/Tokyo by using SWIFT facility for credit of BNHS A/c.48512 maintained with Deutsche Bank Mumbai (INDIA).
- b. Overseas postage is by Sea Mail. Members preferring Air Mail may kindly pay \$ 25 extra.

1. **Membership of the BNHS is a privilege and should be respected.**
2. **A member is bound by the guiding principles of the Society and should not directly or indirectly harm the Society's reputation.**
3. **Members are welcome to introduce our Society to like minded individuals.**
4. **A member should strive to uphold the traditions of the BNHS.**
5. **Members are expected to acquire knowledge of natural history and disseminate it among others.**
6. **Members have to immediately intimate the membership department about the change of address, if any.**

